

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 35 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 18, 24, 26, and 28 as follows:

18. (Twice Amended) A topical composition comprising an aqueous gel which comprises a hydrophilic gelling material, wherein said gel has rheological properties comprising:

- an initial viscosity V_0 ranging from 3000 to 50,000 Pa.s, wherein said initial viscosity V_0 is stable up to a shear strain C_1 ,
- a viscosity V_2 after shear at a strain C_2 , wherein a ratio of V_0/V_2 is greater than or equal to 1000, and
- a difference of $C_2 - C_1$ is less than or equal to 100 Pa;

wherein said hydrophilic gelling material is a hydrophilic gelling polymer chosen from at least one water-soluble and water-dispersible terephthalic copolyester oligomer comprising dicarboxylate repeating units of formula (I):



wherein

- A is chosen from 1,4-phenylene and sulfo-1,3-phenylene groups, and optionally, 1,3-phenylene groups,
- n ranges from 1 to 4,
- at least 35 mol% of said units of formula (I) are units of formula (I)

wherein A is a 1,4-phenylene group and n is equal to 1,

- at least 7 mol% of said units of formula (I) are units of formula (I) wherein A is a sulfo-1,3-phenylene group, and